

Claims

What is claimed is:

1. A method of collecting used medical devices comprising:
removing a collection container from a sterilized package at a point
of use; and
placing at least one used medical device in the container.
2. The method of claim 1 wherein the collection container comprises:
 - (a) a collection body defining a first opening; and
 - (b) a first cap configured to be removably coupleable with the
collection body at the first opening.
3. The method of claim 2 wherein the collection container further
comprises:
 - (a) a second opening defined by the collection body; and
 - (b) a second cap configured to be interchangeably removably
coupleable with the collection body at the first or second
opening, wherein the first cap is further configured to be
interchangeably removably coupleable with the collection
body at the first or second opening.
4. The method of claim 1 wherein the collection container comprises:
 - (a) a flexible base defining at least one aperture; and
 - (b) at least one flexible wall coupled to the base, the at least
one wall defining an opening in the container.
5. The method of claim 1 further comprising removing the collection
container containing the at least one used medical device from the point of use.

6. The method of claim 1 further comprising washing the at least one used medical device in the collection container.

7. A method of collecting used single-use medical devices comprising:

removing a first collection container from a first sterilized package at a point of use, the first container comprising:
a collection body defining a first opening; and
a first cap configured to be removably coupleable with the collection body at the first opening;
placing at least one used medical device in the first container;
removing a second collection container from a second sterilized package at the point of use, the second container comprising:
a flexible base defining at least one aperture; and
at least one flexible wall coupled to the base, the at least one wall defining an opening in the container; and
placing at least one used medical device in the second container.

8. The method of claim 7 wherein the first collection container further comprises:

a second opening defined by the collection body; and
a second cap configured to be interchangeably removably coupleable with the collection body at the first or second opening, wherein the first cap is further configured to be interchangeably removably coupleable with the collection body at the first or second opening.

9. The method of claim 7 further comprising removing the first and second collection containers containing the at least one used medical devices from the point of use.

10. The method of claim 7 further comprising washing the at least one used medical devices in the first and second collection containers.

11. The method of claim 7, wherein the at least one used medical device placed in the first container is a sharp or smaller medical device, and the at least one used medical device placed in the second container is any medical device that cannot be placed in the first container.

12. A method of cleaning used medical devices comprising:
providing a sterilized package containing a collection container;
removing the collection container from the sterilized package;
placing at least one used medical device in the collection container;
and
cleaning the at least one used medical device in the collection container.

13. The method of claim 12 further comprising transporting the container containing the at least one used medical device to another location.

14. The method of claim 12 wherein cleaning the at least one used medical device comprises placing the collection container in a bath.

15. The method of claim 12 wherein the collection container is configured to allow liquids and waste to pass through the container during cleaning.